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# **Policy Brief**

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# Fiscal Year 2001 Commerce / Justice / State Appropriations & District of Columbia Appropriations Conference Report Analysis & Review

# D.C. Appropriations

**By the Numbers:** (Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars)

Last Year: \$436.8 Request: \$445

House: \$414

Senate: \$448.4 **Conference Report:** \$445

The bill is \$8.2 million or 1.8% over last year, equal to the request, and \$31 million or 7.5% above the House passed level.

#### **Language of Interest:**

The bill includes the Souder language which maintains a prohibition on the use of both federal and local funds for needle exchange programs.

The bill includes a watered-down version of the Tiahrt language prohibiting the operation of needle exchanges within 1000 feet of schools. The original language also included parks, pools, public housing, and other areas where children are likely to be found. The bill does not contain any enforcement mechanism (fine or penalty) for violating this prohibition.

The bill expresses the intent of Congress that any contraceptive coverage mandate legislation include a conscious clause that covers both religious and moral convictions. (Note: the Mayor vetoed the legislation imposing a contraceptive coverage mandate.)

### <u>Selected items included in the Conference Report, but not in the House bill:</u>

Payment to Covenant House: \$500,000 Brownfield Remediation: \$3.45 million

Contribution to Children's National Medical Center: \$500,000

Child Advocacy Center: \$500,000

St. Coletta of Greater Washington Expansion Project: \$1 million

DC Special Olympics: \$250,000

## Commerce / Justice / State Appropriations

Budget Authority in Millions of Dollars					
		FY '01	FY '01	FY '01	
	FY '00	Request	<u>House</u>	<b>Conference</b>	
Current Year:	38,095	37,643	34,878	37,700	
Advanced Funds:	0	11,291	0	0	
Funds from Prior Years:	0	0	0	0	
Net Increase in Advances:	0	0	0	0	

The Conference Report is a \$395 million or 1% reduction in current year funding as compared to last year. It is critical to note that last year, Congress included \$4.476 billion in emergency funds for Census 2000. When this one-time spending for the Census is removed from the baseline, the bill actually contains a \$4 billion or 12.1% increase for other programs. The Conference Report is \$2.8 billion or 8.1% above the House passed bill and \$57 million or 0.1% above the request, excluding advanced funding.

The bill also includes \$240 billion in public debt reduction.

#### **MAJOR FUNDING OF NOTE:**

#### **Dollars** in Millions

	FY 2000	Request	FY 2001 House	FY 2001 Conference	% Change / Last Year
Dept of Justice	\$18.6	\$20.3	\$20.4	\$20.9	12.4%
Dept of Commerce Excluding Census	\$8.6 \$3.9	\$5.4 \$4.7	\$4.3 \$3.6	\$5.2 \$4.8	23.0%
Dept of State	\$5.9	\$6.5	\$6.1	\$6.9	16.9%

<u>Status of Program Terminations</u>: The House terminated the following programs: <u>Advanced Technology Program</u>: Restored with a \$2 million increase in funding. <u>North-South Center</u>: Funded at \$1.8 million last year, appears to remain terminated; East-West Center: Restored with a \$1 million increase in funding.

#### **OTHER FUNDING OF NOTE:**

#### **Dollars** in Thousands

FY 2000	Request	FY 2001 House	FY 2001 Conference	% Change Over Last
				Year

DOJ Salaries and Expenses	79,328	91,553	84,177	88,713	11.8%
DOJ Narrowband Communications	10,625	188,000	177,445	205,000	1829.4%
Telecom Carrier Compliance Fund	7,000	105,000	141,250	201,420	2777.4%
Antitrust Division	110,000	134,000	113,269	95,838	-12.9%
U.S. Attorneys	1,161,957	1,292,633	1,247,416	1,250,382	7.6%
U.S. Marshals	549,365	592,847	566,438	572,695	4.2%
FBI	3,091,155	3,307,055	3,230,792	3,235,600	4.7%
DEA	1,281,750	1,373,266	1,367,809	1,363,309	6.4%
INS	4,278,926	4,848,743	4,670,689	4,808,743	12.4%
COPS	595,000	1,335,000	595,000	1,032,235	73.5%
Economic Development Admin	388,379	436,938	388,378	439,789	13.2%
Minority Business Development Agency	27,314	28,156	27,314	27,314	0%
Census — Salaries	140,000	173,826	140,000	157,227	12.3%
Dept of Commerce Mgmt	31,500	32,340	31,392	35,920	14%
International Peacekeeping	500,000	738,666	498,100	\$846,000	69.2%
National Endowment for Democracy	31,000	32,000	30,872	30,999	-0.003%
Broadcasting Board of Governors	421,774	448,272	438,135	398,971	-5.41%
EEOC	282,000	322,000	290,928	303,864	7.75%
FCC	210,000	237,188	207,909	230,000	9.5%
Legal Services Corporation	305,000	340,000	141,000	330,000	8.197%
Small Business Administration	847,000	1,057,820	856,220	859,500	1.5%

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF NOTE:**

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